SENATE FISH AND GAME EXHIBIT NO. 3

DATE 2-15-07

BILL NO. 5B 128

Amendments to Senate Bill No. 128
1st Reading Copy

Requested by Senator Steven Gallus

For the Senate Fish and Game Committee

Prepared by Joe Kolman February 13, 2007 (12:43pm)

1. Page 18, line 9.
Following: "parks"

Insert: "until June 30, 2019"

2. Page 19, line 28.

Strike: "30"
Insert: "90"

3. Page 21, line 12. Following: line 11

Insert: "(6) (a) From [the effective date of this act] through
 June 30, 2019, the department of fish, wildlife, and parks
 may change, pursuant to this section, the appropriation
 rights that it holds in fee simple to instream flow purposes
 on no more than 12 stream reaches.

- (b) After June 30, 2019, the department may not change the appropriation rights that it holds in fee simple to instream flow purposes on any stream reaches.
- (7) After June 30, 2019, the department may not enter into any new lease agreements pursuant to this section or renew any leases that expire after that date."

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Senatoi (Chairman) Joe Tropila

Dear Honorable Members of the Fish & Game Committee,

DATE 2-15-011 BILL NO. 5B402

My name is Carl Seilstad and I recently testified as an informational witness on Senate Bill 402. I now feel that I did not represent myself on this bill the way I would have hoped. I have a lot of knowledge on the bill as I was a strong supporter of Senator Kitzenberg all through this process. I was under the assumption that I would be called on and at that time I could have given the information that I carried home with me (my fault).

I would like to leave my information with you as you will be voting on this bill in the near future. Even if this bill does not pass you will see it or one very similar in the next two years.

The information is as follows:

The FWP never did want to see this hatchery as Director Pat Graham fought the warm water fishermen all through the 99 Legislature.

Once they figured they were defeated they became our best friend and supporter.

The project of designing the hatchery was then turned over to the FWP. Our organizations even loaned the FWP over \$100,000 to get this design process started untill the warm water stamp money started coming in. The original estimation of this hatchery for what we needed was 13 million dollars. At this cost the warm water stamp would have more than adequately funded the hatchery.

Now we have a 21 million dollar hatchery for what ever reason and need more money to fund it.

It has always seemed to us that if you are in charge of a project you take responsibility and make sure it is done right. In fact we had numerous conversations with the FWP that it was being built to large and there was no call for putting cold water fish rearing equipment in a warm water hatchery. By this time we were told we were too late to make any changes because of time constraints.

With this said I oppose the fact that the FWP can come in as an informational witness and more or less oppose this bill. To me and the rest of the warm water anglers that were involved in this process the FWP are mostly to blame for the reasons mentioned earlier. It is time for the FWP to claim some responsibility, not by opposing any bill now or in the future, but by coming to the table and saying what can we do to help, tell us what you want us to do.

Thank you Carl Seilstad Phone 538-5119 W 464-7144 H

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